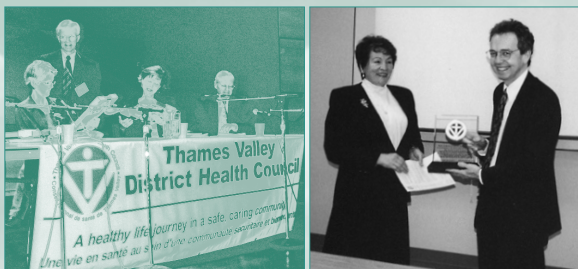


2002 ANNUAL REPORT

THAMES VALLEY DISTRICT HEALTH COUNCIL



*A Healthy
Life Journey
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Community*

Message From The Chair & The Executive Director

Roy Romanow and Michael Kirby became familiar names in Canada during the past fiscal year as Mr. Romanow's Commission and Senator Kirby's Committee captured the media and public's attention on the sustainability of health care in Canada. The Thames Valley District Health Council focused much of its time and efforts ensuring that, consistent with its role of providing advice to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, it submitted credible advice on the work of these two seminal national health system reviews.

In April Council held an Expert Panel for 130 participants, with guest speakers: Jeffrey Simpson (Globe and Mail), Dr. Andreas Laupacis (Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences), Earl Berger (The Berger Population Health Monitor), Fred McMahon (Fraser Institute), Doris Grinspun (Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario), Dr. Reg Perkin (formerly of The College of Family Physicians of Canada), and Armand Boudreau (Régie régionale de la santé et des services sociaux de l'Outaouais). Skillfully facilitated by local hospital CEO, Mike Mazza, the experts responded to four questions about our nation's most valued social service. The input from this Expert Panel and subsequent consultations resulted in detailed advice being forwarded to our Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

Many of the themes from these two reports carried over into other planning activities of Council during the year. Consistent with Romanow and Kirby, access to Primary Health Care was and continues to be a major priority in the Thames Valley District. Council's planning included work on Community Health Centres, new primary health care models, securing new Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioners for the District, and holding operating plan sessions with a special focus on Primary Health Care. To launch Council's 2003/2004 year, a session titled Primary Care: The Keystone to Health Care Integration was planned for our community partners to discuss access to Primary Health Care.

Other areas of focus, which were consistent with the national discussions on health care, included health human resources, information technology, hospital networks, stroke strategy, emergency care, and others. For an understanding of the full extent of Council's past year's activities,



Bruce Halliday, M.D.
Chair ~ TVDHC

we urge you to peruse the listing of our 2002/2003 achievements. Some of these planning activities will continue into the new fiscal year, while Council also is embarking on several new activities. Again, you can find a listing of some of our expected work for 2003/2004 elsewhere in this Annual Report.



Paul Huras, CHE
Executive Director ~ TVDHC

Council's planning products and processes are the result of a very diverse and dedicated team of volunteers and staff members. Hundreds of local health providers and informed citizens donate their time, expertise, and understanding of the issues, to assist Council in preparing expert advice to the Minister. Our health care system continues to evolve due to their commitment to improve the health status of the residents of Thames Valley. Council is also fortunate to have a professional staff to assist it in developing credible planning processes and documents that support the advice produced by Council.

Finally, to all Council Members; you excel in fulfilling your Order-In-Council appointments, and you serve your communities well. It is a pleasure to work with all of you and your dedication to improving our community is respected and appreciated. Thank you for another great year.

Council Members:

B. Halliday, Chair
R. Alder
R. Barnier
I. Brebner
T. Dignard-Scratch
N. Fazackerley *
B. Habkirk
M. Hanley
S. Hanson *
S. Hill *
I. Horton

F. Lortie-Monette
J. Lubell *
R. McElroy
G. Puddicombe
M. Raithby
B. Sivyer *
R. Vardy
B. Waters
S. Whittall
N. Wickerson-Harmer *
* no longer on Council

FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2002 TO MARCH 31, 2003

Selected Accomplishments From 2002 - 2003

- Developed Nursing Supply – Phase II (Recruitment and Retention Work Group & Education Work Group)
- Produced Thames Valley Health System Monitoring Report
- Held an Expert Panel on The Future of Canada’s Health System
- Provided Advice to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care on the Kirby Committee and Romanow Reports
- Developed Elgin Mental Health Network
- Participated in The Year of Healthy Living – Health Promotion Fair
- Development Partner for the Community Advisory Committee, Community Care Access Centre of London-Middlesex
- Held Third Annual Operating Plan Consultation Sessions
- Created Health Human Resources Committee Report – Recommendations to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care on Physician Planning
- Held Thames Valley Regional Stroke Strategy Consultation Session
- Produced East Elgin Health Needs Assessment
- Provided Student Placements for Six Medical and Three Health Sciences Students
- Held a Middlesex County Information Technology Session
- Facilitated the Development of the Nurse Practitioner Demonstration Project for Tillsonburg
- Held Two Long Term Care Consultation Sessions in Elgin County
- Facilitated Two Information Technology Sessions in Elgin County
- Produced the Report - Setting the Context Nursing in Thames Valley
- Facilitated the Thames Valley Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Process
- Presented the First French Language Health Services Advisory Committee Recognition Award to the Middlesex-London Health Unit
- Held Future Life Planning – Workshop 1 “Identify Changes And Success Factors”, and Workshop 2 “Develop The Strategies For Success”

In Partnership...

- Participated in the London Economic Development Corporation Health Human Resources Roundtable
- Utilized Blueprinting and the Balanced Scorecard to Determine How the Homeless Who Have a Serious Mental Illness (In London) Experienced Quality in the System - Workshop Held to Identify Strategies
- Southwest Regional Hospital Laboratory Planning Alliance – Framework for an Integrated Laboratory Service
- Facilitated Southwest Mental Health Implementation Task Force Report Development
- Participated in the Regional Stroke Strategy Roll-Out of Oxford County Local Stroke Strategy Implementation
- Worked With Oxford Stakeholders on Local Cancer Care Network Initiatives
- Coordinated Mental Health Network Development
- Northeast London Collaborative to Develop a Primary Health Care Centre

Outlook for 2003 - 2004

On The Planning Horizon...

- Nursing Supply – Phase II, Reports & Information Session
- Local Comprehensive Integrated Health System Plan
- Primary Care: The Keystone To Health Care Integration Session
- Information Technology Session in Middlesex County – Part III
- Collaboration With London Regional Cancer Centre – Strategic Planning Initiative
- Continued Elgin Mental Health Network Development
- Information Technology Consensus in London
- Produce Future Life Planning Report
- Develop a Process for Coordinated Access to Palliative Care
- French Language Health Services Health Careers Forum to be Held in London
- Provincial Health Human Resources Forum on Capacity and Utilization
- Develop a Blueprinting Process with the Interagency Coalition for the Disabled to Complement the Future Life Planning Process
- Northeast London Collaborative to Develop a Primary Health Care Centre

Regional Collaboration...

- Regional Health Planning Partnership
- Southwest Cardiac Care Network
- Southwest Regional Perinatal Project
- Southwest Regional Stroke Committee
- TVDHC Supporting the Regional Health Planning Partnership in Developing a Data Decision Support Tool for Southwest Hospitals and Health Planning Organizations

Did You Know That...

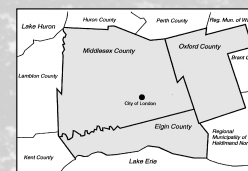
- ~ *More than 585,000 people live in Thames Valley?*
- ~ *Oxford County has the largest proportion of seniors 65+ years in Thames Valley and a greater proportion than Ontario?*
- ~ *More than 5,000 London residents are French-speaking?*
- ~ *Close to 70% of recent immigrants to Elgin County are from Mexico?*
- ~ *Middlesex County has the lowest unemployment rate in the District and a rate that is lower than that for Ontario?*

In Collaboration With The Southwest DHCs...

- Produced Ontario Labour Market Survey for Health Human Resources
- With the Provincial District Health Councils, Met With the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to Give Advice on the Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Discussion on Sustaining Health Care in Canada

The Thames Valley District

Thames Valley District



Our Vision

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Our Mission

The Thames Valley District Health Council is a volunteer body that advises the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care on issues related to the health needs of the residents of Elgin, Middlesex and Oxford Counties and the City of London. Council’s advice is based on comprehensive health system plans developed through the involvement of consumers and providers.

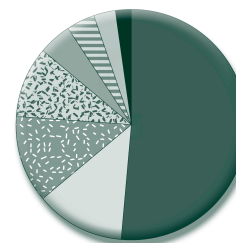
How to Reach Us

For more information on Thames Valley District Health Council, including our operating plan for 2003/2004, please visit our web site at www.tvdhc.on.ca or you may contact us at the following address:

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Audited Financial Responsibilities



Core Operations	- \$1,052,595	51%
Southwest Region Health Information Partnership	- \$255,917	13%
Mental Health Implementation Task Force	- \$250,244	12%
Ontario Labour Market Survey	- \$203,908	10%
Thames Valley Hospital Planning Partnership	- \$95,107	5%
French Language Services	- \$81,450	4%
Southwest Emergency Systems Network	- \$62,365	3%
Other	- \$45,699	2%
TOTAL	\$2,047,285	100%